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## Questions and Answers About the NCI Information Associates Program

### 1. What is the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Information Associates Program?

This program provides direct access to and assistance with the information resources of the NCI. Membership in the Information Associates Program is provided automatically and exclusively to subscribers of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

### 2. What are the benefits of an Information Associates Program membership?

Benefits include the following:

- One copy of each new *Journal of the National Cancer Institute Monographs*. These peer-reviewed, book-length publications provide in-depth examinations of important issues in cancer research and are published up to three times a year. They are automatically distributed to institutional journal subscribers as they are published. Other subscribers have the opportunity to order the monographs free of charge for a limited time.
- 24-hour-a-day access to PDQ®, NCI's comprehensive, computerized, cancer information database. Updated monthly, PDQ contains the latest information available about cancer treatment, prevention, screening, and supportive care; listings of clinical trials (research studies); and directories of physicians and organizations involved in cancer care, as well as a directory of cancer genetics services. PDQ is maintained by the NCI with the help of cancer experts from across the Nation.
- Toll-free access (in the United States only) to CancerFax®, which provides PDQ information summaries (in English or Spanish), NCI fact sheets on various cancer topics, as well as other NCI information. CancerFax can be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- *ProtoCall*, the Information Associates' newsletter, which keeps members in touch with program news and the latest NCI publications.

- An Information Associates Program Member Service Center reachable by telephone, fax, and e-mail. Service Center staff can provide information about the program and its benefits, as well as technical assistance with NCI resources such as PDQ and CANCERLIT®.
- Access to the PDQ/CANCERLIT Service Center, which provides customized searches of NCI's PDQ and CANCERLIT databases to health professionals and all Information Associates.
- A subscription to a listserv, which automatically sends regular e-mail announcements to those who sign up. These automatic messages provide news from the NCI, including available resources, changing programs, and recent meetings and reports.

### **3. How does one join the Information Associates Program?**

Subscribers to the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* automatically become members of the Information Associates Program. To subscribe to the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, call the Oxford University Press at 1-800-852-7323 (+44(0)1865 267907 outside the United States and Canada), or send an e-mail to [jnlorders@oup-usa.org](mailto:jnlorders@oup-usa.org). Also, subscribers in the United States and Canada can send an order with payment to Journals Marketing, Oxford University Press, 2001 Evans Road, Cary, NC 27513. Outside the United States and Canada, subscribers can send their orders with payment to Journals Marketing, Oxford University Press, Great Clarendon Street, Oxford, OX2 6DP, United Kingdom.

### **4. What is the cost of a subscription to the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*?**

For 2000, personal subscription fees are \$155 per year in the United States and Canada, £150 per year in Europe, and \$215 per year elsewhere in the world. Institutional subscription fees are \$235 per year in the United States and Canada, £210 per year in Europe, and \$265 per year elsewhere in the world. Fees are slightly higher for those outside the United States because of increased mailing expenses. Personal subscription rates are available for non-profit organizations. For more information about the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, visit <http://jnci.oupjournals.org> on the Internet.

### **5. How can one get more information about the Information Associates Program?**

Members or others with general questions about the program may call the Information Associates Program Member Service Center at 1-800-624-7890 (301-496-7600 outside the United States and Canada), or write to Information Associates Program, National Cancer Institute, 9030 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814-1519. E-mail inquiries can be sent to [iap@icic.nci.nih.gov](mailto:iap@icic.nci.nih.gov).

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## **Sources of National Cancer Institute Information**

### **Cancer Information Service**

Toll-free: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

TTY (for deaf and hard of hearing callers): 1-800-332-8615

### **NCI Online**

#### ***Internet***

Use <http://cancer.gov> to reach NCI's Web site.

#### ***CancerMail Service***

To obtain a contents list, send e-mail to [cancermail@icicc.nci.nih.gov](mailto:cancermail@icicc.nci.nih.gov) with the word "help" in the body of the message.

### **CancerFax® fax on demand service**

Dial 301-402-5874 and listen to recorded instructions.

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